

**EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 9, 2003**

A meeting of the Emergency Commission was held on Thursday, October 9, 2003, in the Governor's Conference Room. Present in the conference room were Governor John Hoeven and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Members participating via telephone conference call were Senator Ray Holmberg and Representative Ken Svedjan. Senator Bob Stenehjem was absent. Governor Hoeven called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Requests identified with an asterisk will be forwarded for the October 15, 2003, meeting of the Legislative Budget Section Committee per the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 54-16-04.1 and N.D.C.C. § 54-16-04.2.

1. **Department of Insurance \* (Request # 1457)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$150,000 to accept carryover federal funds from the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) for operating line (\$150,000) for the Senior Health Insurance Counseling Program created for Medicare beneficiaries who have questions about coverage, claims, and appeals.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

2. **Withdrawn (Request # 1458)**

3. **Office of Management and Budget \* (Request # 1459)**

Request approved at a special meeting of the Emergency Commission held on October 1, 2003.

4. **Office of Management and Budget – State Radio Division \* (Request # 1460)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$1,127,500 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for operating line (\$127,500) and capital assets line (\$1,000,000) to upgrade communications infrastructure to a digital environment for enhanced communication systems interoperability.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Rep. Svedjan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

5. **Office of Management and Budget – State Radio Division \* (Request # 1461)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$250,000 to accept pass-through federal funds granted to the Division of Emergency Management by the U.S. Department of Justice for operating line (\$250,000) to enhance communications and dispatch capability.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

6. **Office of Management and Budget – Risk Management Division \* (Request # 1462)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$300,000 to accept pass-through federal funds granted to the Division of Emergency Management by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for operating line (\$288,633) and capital assets line (\$11,337) to develop and purchase equipment for web site and to develop training program for state agencies and University System related to Continuum of Government project.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

7. **Department of Agriculture (Request # 1463)**  
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$50,000 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Interior for grants line (\$50,000) to provide relief in Sioux and Grant Counties to ranchers and other livestock producers who lost pasture, hay land and other forage to fires in the summer of 2002.  
  
Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
8. **Department of Agriculture \* (Request # 1464)**  
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$203,300 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Forest Service for noxious weeds line (\$203,300) to support county weed boards in the control of leafy spurge and other noxious weeds.  
  
Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
9. **Department of Agriculture (Request # 1465)**  
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$13,000 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for noxious weeds line (\$13,000) to support county weed boards in the control of purple loosestrife, to increase public awareness of it, and for two interns.  
  
Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
10. **Department of Agriculture \* (Request # 1466)**  
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$577,288 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Animal and Plant Health Inspections Services, Veterinary Services) for board of animal health line (\$577,288) to assist local animal health officials in the prevention and control of several diseases associated with the livestock industry.  
  
Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
11. **Department of Agriculture \* (Request # 1467)**  
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$60,000 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Organic Program, for grants line (\$60,000) to reimburse expenses of certification for eligible organic producers, handlers, and processors.  
  
Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
12. **Department of Health \* (Request # 1468)**  
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$335,000 to accept federal funds from the Center for Disease Control (\$127,000) and other funds (\$208,000) from agency's special fund for Air Contaminant Fees for capital assets line (\$335,000) to complete the remodeling project at the agency's East Laboratory.  
  
Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Rep. Svedjan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
13. **Department of Health \* (Request # 1469)**  
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$300,000 to accept federal funds from the Center for Disease Control for the salaries line (\$105,000) and the operating line (\$195,000), and approval for one FTE, for Comprehensive Cancer Control Planning Program.  
  
Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

14. **Department of Health \* (Request # 1470)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$6,540,000 to accept new federal funds (\$2,600,000) and carryover federal funds (\$470,000) from Health Resources and Services and carryover funds from the Center for Disease Control (\$3,470,000) for salaries line (\$150,000), operating line (\$2,400,000), capital assets line (\$650,000), and grants line (\$3,340,000) for two temporary employees, programs, assessments, training, preparedness, and equipment related to chemical terrorism.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

15. **Information Technology Department (Request # 1471)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$12,526.36 to accept carry-over federal funds from the U.S. Department of Justice for operating line (\$12,526.36) to complete the technical architecture, data standards, and implementation plan for the Criminal Justice Information Sharing system.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

16. **North Dakota Department of Labor \* (Request # 1472)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$375,000 to accept federal funds, as they become available, from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Department of Housing and Urban Development for salaries line (\$100,000) and operating line (\$275,000) for investigation of employment and housing discrimination complaints.

Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Governor Hoeven seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

17. **North Dakota Division of Emergency Management \* (Request # 1473)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$159,000 to accept pass-through federal funds granted to the Department of Health for operating line (\$159,000) to provide incident command training related to bioterrorism.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Rep. Svedjan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

18. **North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission \* (Request # 1474)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$85,000 to accept pass-through federal funds granted to the Department of Human Services, Olmstead Commission, through the Real Choices Systems Change Grant for operating line (\$85,000) to design a framework for a culturally-congruent model for home and community-based care for American Indian aged and disabled.

Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

19. **North Dakota Division of Emergency Management \* (Request # 1475)**

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$13,200,000 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for salaries line (\$300,500), operating line (\$127,000), capital assets line (\$33,000), and grants line (\$12,739,500) for three new FTE, to reimburse state and local entities for protection of critical infrastructure during past and future heightened alerts, and to provide pass-through funds for state radio and criminal justice information system.

Rep. Svedjan moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

20. **State Historical Society of North Dakota \* (Request # 1476)**  
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$901,000 to accept carry-over federal funds from Housing and Urban Development (\$850,000) and Institute of Museum and Library Services (\$51,000) for capital assets line (\$901,000) to complete Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center and the Military Barracks at Fort Buford Historic Site near Williston.
- Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
21. **State Historical Society of North Dakota \* (Request # 1477)**  
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$220,000 to accept federal pass-through funds granted to the North Dakota Department of Transportation by the U.S. Department of Transportation (\$100,000) and federal funds from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (\$52,000), and the U.S. Department of Interior, Federal Historic Preservation (\$68,000) for salary line (\$120,000), operating line (\$92,000), and capital assets line (\$8,000) for continued development and enhancement of geographic mapping system for cultural sites.
- Senator Holmberg moved for approval. Rep. Svedjan seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
22. **State Historical Society of North Dakota \* (Request # 1478)**  
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$150,000 to accept federal funds from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the salaries line (\$120,000) and the operating line (\$30,000) for developing database of Bureau collections, for which Society is curator.
- Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
23. **State Historical Society of North Dakota \* (Request # 1479)**  
Request approval for increased spending authority of \$250,000 to accept federal pass-through funds granted to the Department of Transportation by the U.S. Department of Transportation Enhancement Grant program for capital assets line (\$250,000) for improvements at the Gingras State Historic Site near Walhalla.
- Secretary Jaeger moved for approval. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State  
Secretary to Emergency Commission